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**Jefferson Signed Act of the  
1st Congress To Establish Judicial Courts**

# Jefferson Document Signed: "Act to Establish the Judicial Courts of the United States Within the State of Rhode Island"

An important Act of the First Congress starting to implement the recently passed US Constitution.

Only 13 Signed copies of this Act were signed by Jefferson for the 13 states in the Union.

## 29. JEFFERSON, THOMAS

3rd U.S. President and author of the Declaration of Independence. One of the foremost challenges facing the First Federal Congress was the issue of the federal judiciary. The Federal Convention gave far less attention to the judicial branch than to the legislative and the executive. During the ratification process, several states proposed Constitutional amendments to limit the power of the judiciary and guarantee individual rights in federal courts. Thus, members of Congress arrived in New York well aware that defining the judiciary must be on their immediate agenda.



In its plan for the federal judiciary, the First US Congress in 1789 divided the nation into thirteen judicial districts that served as the basic organizational units of the federal courts. In each district, a U.S. district court served as the federal trial court for admiralty and maritime cases as well as for some minor civil and criminal cases. The court's jurisdiction was limited to cases arising within the district, and the judges were required to reside in their districts. The original districts outlined by Congress coincided with the borders of the eleven states that had ratified the Constitution, with separate districts for Maine and Kentucky, which were still a part of Massachusetts and Virginia, respectively.

Document Signed: "Act to Establish the Judicial Courts of the United States Within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations" Signed "Thomas Jefferson", as Secretary of State, and signed in type by George Washington, as President. New York: Francis and John Swain, June 23, 1790. This act establishes Rhode Island as one federal court district, with the set of the court alternating between Providence and New Port.

Thomas Jefferson Document Signed: "Act to Establish the Judicial Courts of the United States Within the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations"

In New York City the Supreme Court of the United States convenes for the first time. First Session of Congress was held in New York City from March 4, 1789 and the Constitution took effect. Article Three of the Constitution describes the court system, the judicial branch. The article requires that there be one court called the Supreme Court; Congress, at its discretion, can create lower courts, whose judgments and orders are reviewable by the Supreme Court.

An important act of the First Congress starting to implement the recently passed US Constitution. This is one of the acts passed during the first Congress. Of the acts passed during the first Congress, as few as thirteen copies of each were signed by the Secretary of State for distribution to the thirteen states in the Union. (Some estimates, there were as many as 26 or 27 copies of the acts) and very few may have survived and are still in private hands. A historic document. **Please see color image on front cover.**

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## Handsome Portrait of Theodore Roosevelt, Signed as President

### 94. ROOSEVELT, THEODORE

26th US President. Signed and inscribed 5 x 7 photograph as President. Matte-finish 4 x 5.5 photo on a 5 x 7 photographer's mount, a handsome chest-length portrait, signed and inscribed on the mount in fountain pen, "To Thos. H. Britton, Esq. with hearty good wishes from Theodore Roosevelt, Oct. 13th, 1904." A few scattered small spots to image. In excellent condition. **Please see color image on back cover.**

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Theodore Roosevelt Steroview

### 95. ROOSEVELT, THEODORE

26 President of the United States. Roosevelt was a Spanish-American war hero, the founder of the national park system, and a Nobel Laureate. Stereoview of Roosevelt of Roosevelt astride a horse captioned "Col. Theodore Roosevelt of the "Rough Riders" --after his return from Cuba." In very good condition

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Theodore Roosevelt Steroview

### 96. ROOSEVELT, THEODORE

26 President of the United States. Roosevelt was a Spanish-American war hero, the founder of the national park system, and a Nobel Laureate. Stereoview of Roosevelt on a flag draped dais in Central Park, captioned "Ex-President Roosevelt Responding to the Welcome of His Countrymen on His Arrival in New York After His Extended Trip Abroad. June 18, 1910." Vertical bend across the center of the image, otherwise in very good condition.

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## General Custer Handwritten Autograph Letter Signed to American Painter John Badger Bachelder

### 285. CUSTER, GEORGE ARMSTRONG

U.S. General famous for his Last Stand. Killed with his troops by Sioux Indians at Little Big Horn. Autograph Letter Signed, 5 x 8", written from the Fifth Avenue Hotel, dated March 28, 1866. Custer writes to American painter and engraver John Badger Bachelder in order to postpone a previously scheduled portrait appointment. Entirely in his hand, Custer writes: "Mr. Bachelder, I will not be able to keep my engagement with you tomorrow. I will call however at my earliest convenience, not later than next Tuesday morning" Signed boldly "G.A. Custer USA." At the time this letter was written, Custer was traveling to Washington to meet with Secretary of War Edwin Stanton and to attend a dinner party for Chief Justice Salmon P Chase. He and Bachelder did eventually reschedule their appointment and completed Custer's engraving. John Badger Bachelder accompany the Union Army of the Potomac in hopes of being present at a decisive battle. Bachelder's most noted work, was on the Battle of Gettysburg, In excellent condition. **Please see cover image on front inside cover.**

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Fifth Avenue Hotel  
Mar 28<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Mr Bachelder  
I will not be able  
to keep my engagement  
with you tomorrow, I  
will call however at my  
earliest convenience, not  
later than next Tuesday  
morning.  
Very Respectfully &c  
G.A. Custer  
U.S.A.

## Louis Pasteur Beautiful Signed Cabinet Photo

### 362. PASTEUR, LOUIS

Eminent French chemist and father of modern bacteriology. Since the mid 19th century, life expectancy has doubled; this incredible increase in the human life span is based on modern medicine which is fundamentally based on Pasteur's discoveries. Vintage sepia 4.25 x 5.5" cabinet photo, signed and inscribed in fountain pen in French to Cecile, signed "L. Pasteur, Paris, 1 November 1893." Cloth matted and framed to an overall size of 9.5 x 11" In excellent condition. A powerful image with a sharp clean signature. This rare and significant piece would be ideal for display.

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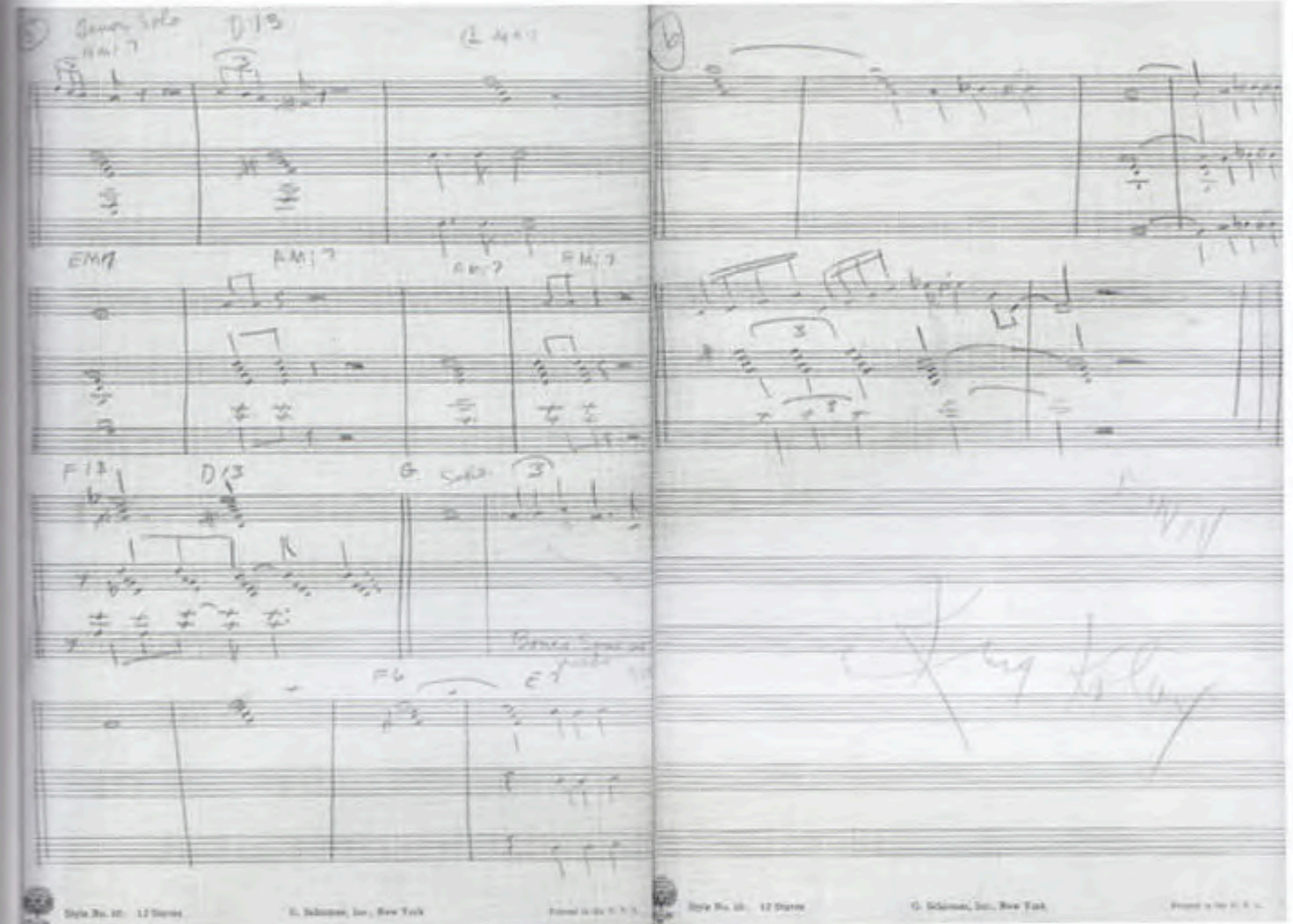


# John Coltrane Autograph Musical Manuscript

## 645 .COLTRANE, JOHN

Jazz legend. Autograph manuscript in the hand of John Coltrane. Written on both sides of a sheet of 9.5" X 12.5" manuscript paper, this manuscript represents the fifth and sixth pages of a score written out by John Coltrane for the bandleader King Kolax, with whom he worked in the 1950s. These pages include the Tenor Solo (with chord symbols as well as fully-written out chords beneath) and is notated as such by Coltrane at the top of the page. Coltrane has also written "King Kolax" at the bottom of the second side. A few additional playing instructions have been added by Coltrane. In very fine condition. This item comes directly from John Coltrane's estate and, as such, is stamped by 'Jowcol Music' A fabulous item.

\$ 2500-3500



George Gershwin



To James De Cesare - In pleasant  
remembrance of happy association  
with good wishes,  
May 2, 1934. George Gershwin.



Copyrighted 1908  
MABEL WOODS  
To Hon. H. Bratton  
with hearty good wishes from  
Theodore Roosevelt  
Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1904

Theodore Roosevelt



For Thomas P. Curran.  
In the best wishes -  
Theodore

The Famous Karsh photo of JFK and Jackie



For Napoleon, 2nd President of Malheur  
20 Aug 1850  
G. Verdi

Verdi